

FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor to direct the Office on Aging to study the financial plight of elderly persons whose spouses are residing in nursing homes.

WHEREAS, There are hundreds of elderly persons in this State whose spouses are patients in nursing homes and therefore physically and financially incapacitated; and

WHEREAS, These elderly persons are often unable to survive in a reasonably secure manner because their spouses' financial assets are exhausted by paying for maintenance in the nursing home; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor is hereby requested to direct the Office on Aging to study the plight of the elderly persons in this State who, after their spouses have been committed to nursing homes, are then unable to survive in a reasonably secure manner due to the fact that all of their spouses' pensions and other financial assets are being used to pay for maintenance in the nursing home; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable Harry R. Hughes, Governor of Maryland; the Honorable James Clark, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Signed April 10, 1979.

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No. 5

(Senate Joint Resolution No. 18)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Patuxent River Watershed - Nontidal Wetlands

FOR the purpose of directing the Water Resources Administration to make an inventory of the Patuxent basin watershed nontidal wetlands; to recommend a plan, including applicable legislation, for protecting these nontidal wetlands; and to give due consideration to protection of these nontidal wetlands in administering their other programs.

Most marshes are covered and given protection under wetlands or waterway laws. The General Assembly has established wetlands laws to protect tidal wetlands. However, comparable protection is not now provided to all wetlands.